



 In re

In re application of:

Application No. 09/314,247

Filed: May 18, 1999

**For: SYSTEM FOR TREATING ARTICULAR
CARTILAGE DEFECTS**

Group Art Unit: 3739

Examiner: L. Cohen

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on July 2, 2003

Signed:

Katie Zarzana

**Mail Stop Petitions
Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Sir:

This application became abandoned on October 3, 2002 for failure to pay the Issue Fee. Applicant petitions to withdraw holding of abandonment based on failure to receive the Notice of Allowance mailed July 3, 2002 (hereafter referred to as the “Notice”).

Applicant did not receive the above referenced Notice. Applicant could not find the Notice after a search of their files including a thorough search of the file jacket corresponding to this application.

In addition, our docket records indicate that a Notice was never received. A copy of our docket report for the first week of October 2002 is enclosed. The docket report is listed in order by docketing number. Our docket number corresponding to this case is A-2 (sub case 6). The report does not indicate that an issue fee was due on October 3, 2002

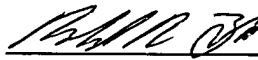
ON
RECEIVED
JUL 10 2003
TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

for this case. Indeed, if we had received the Notice, its due date would be indicated on page 1 of the attached docketing report. Based on the foregoing, Applicant requests withdrawal of the holding of abandonment based on failure to receive the Notice of Allowance mailed July 3, 2002.

Please charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0359.

Also, should you have any questions regarding this petition or this case, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the below listed phone number.

Respectfully submitted,


Richard R. Batt
Reg. No. 43,485

July 2, 2003
Date

ArthroCare Corporation
680 Vaqueros Avenue
Sunnyvale, California 94085-3523
(408) 735-6323

Wednesday, July 02, 2003

Prosecution History

Page: 1

Case Number	Sub Case	Country	Attorney	Date Due	Reason for Date/ Indicator	Action Type	Application Number	Filing Date	Status
-------------	----------	---------	----------	----------	----------------------------	-------------	--------------------	-------------	--------

A-1	5	US		03-Oct-2002	1st Extension	US-3 Month Office Action	09/026,852	20-Feb-1998	Granted
-----	---	----	--	-------------	---------------	--------------------------	------------	-------------	---------

Reminder

Remarks:

Resp. Sent Date: 03-Dec-2002 Date Taken: 03-Dec-2002 CON OF 807111

A-1	1	US		06-Oct-2002	Tax 3.5 Due Date	Tax 3.5	08/807,111	05-Dec-1996	Granted
-----	---	----	--	-------------	------------------	---------	------------	-------------	---------

Remarks: DIV OF 446767

A-16	P	US		02-Oct-2002	Filing Due Final	File Application	60/326,516	02-Oct-2001	Pending
------	---	----	--	-------------	------------------	------------------	------------	-------------	---------

A-16	P	US		02-Oct-2002	Foreign Filing Due Final	Foreign Filing	60/326,516	02-Oct-2001	Pending
------	---	----	--	-------------	--------------------------	----------------	------------	-------------	---------

A-16	WO			02-Oct-2002	PCT Application Due Due Date	PCT Application Due	02/31640	03-Oct-2002	Published
------	----	--	--	-------------	------------------------------	---------------------	----------	-------------	-----------

Page: 2

Page: 2

Case Number	Sub Case	Country	Attorney	Date Due	Reason for Date/ Indicator	Action Type	Application Number	Filing Date	Status
AT-8		US		02-Oct-2002	Review Priority Data Due Date	Review Priority Data	10/187,418	02-Jul-2002	Pending
						Remarks: W746			
AT-8		US		02-Oct-2002	Information Disclosure Stmt Due Date	Information Disclosure Stmt	10/187,418	02-Jul-2002	Pending
						Remarks: W746			
C-10	2	US		02-Oct-2002	6 Month Final Date Final	US-Final Office Action	09/501,327	09-Feb-2000	Pending
					Resp. Sent Date: 02-Oct-2002	Date Taken: 02-Oct-2002			
C-8	1	US		03-Oct-2002	3 Month Due Date Due Date	US-Final Office Action	09/062,869	20-Apr-1998	Granted
					Resp. Sent Date: 03-Jan-2003	Date Taken: 03-Jan-2003			
						Remarks: Title: Electrosurgical Systems and Methods for Recanalization of Occluded Body Lumens			
						CIP of 08/874,173 filed 06/13/97			
D-2	1	US		04-Oct-2002	DRAWING FINAL Final	US-Allowability	09/313,956	18-May-1999	Granted
						Remarks: Title: Systems and Methods for Electrosurgical			
					Resp. Sent Date: 18-May-2002	Date Taken: 18-May-2002			
						Dermatological Treatment			

Wednesday, July 02, 2003

Prosecution History

Page: 3

Case Number	Sub Case	Country	Attorney	Date Due	Reason for Date/ Indicator	Action Type	Application Number	Filing Date	Status
D-2	2	US		05-Oct-2002	3rd Extension Reminder Resp. Sent Date: 05-Jul-2002	US-Restriction	09/718,160	20-Nov-2000	Abandoned
Remarks: Div of 08/977,845 filed November 25, 1997 Title: Methods For Electrosurgical Dermatological Treatment Inventors: Stephen M. Brunell Hira V. Thapliyal Philip E. Eggers									
E-5	1	US		05-Oct-2002	1st Extension Reminder Resp. Sent Date: 05-Dec-2002	US-Final Office Action	09/480,880	10-Jan-2000	Pending
G-4	P	US		02-Oct-2002	Filing Due Final	File Application	60/326,664	02-Oct-2001	Pending
G-4	P	US		02-Oct-2002	Foreign Filing Due Final	Foreign Filing	60/326,664	02-Oct-2001	Pending
G-4	WO			02-Oct-2002	PCT Application Due Due Date	PCT Application Due	02/31409	02-Oct-2002	Published

Page: 4

Page: 4

Case Number	Sub Case	Country	Attorney	Date Due	Reason for Date/ Indicator	Action Type	Application Number	Filing Date	Status
S-2	4	US		03-Oct-2002	Issue Fee Due Final Resp. Sent Date: 05-Aug-2002	US-Allowance Remarks: DIV of 09/412,103 filed 10/04/99 (S-2-3) Date Taken: 05-Aug-2002	09/860,662	18-May-2001	Granted
S-2	4	US		03-Oct-2002	3MON DWG/FRMLTY Due Date Resp. Sent Date: 05-Aug-2002	US-Allowibility Remarks: DIV of 09/412,103 filed 10/04/99 (S-2-3) Date Taken: 05-Aug-2002	09/860,662	18-May-2001	Granted
S-5	2	US		03-Oct-2002	3MON DWG/FRMLTY Due Date Resp. Sent Date: 15-Aug-2002	US-Allowibility Remarks: DIV of 09/316,472 filed 05/21/99 Date Taken: 15-Aug-2002	09/665,441	19-Sep-2000	Granted
S-5	3	US		03-Oct-2002	Issue Fee Due Final Resp. Sent Date: 15-Aug-2002	US-Allowance Remarks: DIV of 09/316,472 filed 05/21/99 Date Taken: 15-Aug-2002	09/765,832	19-Jan-2001	Granted
S-5	3	US		03-Oct-2002	3MON DWG/FRMLTY Due Date Resp. Sent Date: 15-Aug-2002	US-Allowibility Remarks: DIV of 09/316,472 filed 05/21/99 Date Taken: 15-Aug-2002	09/765,832	19-Jan-2001	Granted
S-5	2	US		03-Oct-2002	Issue Fee Due Final Resp. Sent Date: 15-Aug-2002	US-Allowance Remarks: DIV of 09/316,472 filed 05/21/99 Date Taken: 15-Aug-2002	09/665,441	19-Sep-2000	Granted



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Patent and Trademark Office
ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND COMMISSIONER
OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, D.C. 20231

#29

GAU 3739

S/N 09/314,247

Date: 07-08-03

To: Group Directors/HSAEs

From: Office of Initial Patent Examination

Subject: Miscellaneous Papers

The attached papers belong in files that are housed at the warehouse. **PLEASE do not send any papers to the warehouse or to our office for processing**, but request the files from the warehouse and take the appropriate action.

Thank You,

Sm
OIPE